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Alex Aichison
By email on: alex@bbre.co.uk

Dear Alex,

9787: 35-43 GREYFRIARS ROAD, READING

Further to your enquiry regarding the proposed roof terrace amenity space at the above address, having considered the details you have provided of the proposal and the local authority's refusal notice, I would advise that a condition be sought which requires the noise to be assessed according to the requirements of BS4142:2014 *Methods for rating and assessing industrial and commercial sound*.

We have previously undertaken such assessments to discharge conditions on applications for pub beer gardens / smoking areas / school playgrounds etc. It is our opinion that this approach would be applicable for your roof terrace. Based on a comparison of the previously measured background levels at the nearest receiver with representative, known noise level data for activities on similar terraces, our assessment would demonstrate the expected noise impact, as defined by the standard.

A noise rating of Low Impact as defined by this standard will usually be considered as strong evidence that a proposed activity will not cause adverse impact on the receiver.

Our assessment would include recommendations for mitigation as required (e.g. additionally limiting hours of access / acoustic screening etc if required, but we note the setback of the building/structures themselves will already mitigate noise generation without the need for any specialist treatment) to demonstrate a rating of "low impact" can be achieved. Alternatively you could invite the local authority to impose their own noise criteria on the project as they may deem appropriate. If this criteria can be demonstrably met, the amenity of any nearby residential property would be protected, making it difficult for the local authority to justify continued refusal of the application on noise grounds.

Yours Sincerely,

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